

DRAFT (03/03/09)
WDFW SALMON HARVEST SHARING PLAN FOR
GRAYS HARBOR – HUMPTULIPS RIVER

CHINOOK – Wild Escapement Goal = 2,236 (15.3% of GH total)

Tier 1 Chinook – 0 to 112

Wild Chinook returning at levels less than 10% above wild escapement goals.

Management Objective:

- Limit total harvest impacts to less than 10% on wild Chinook.
- No directed fishing on Chinook.
- No retention of Chinook.

Recreational Fisheries Management:

- Provide equitable marine sport and freshwater sport opportunity.
- Marine Area 2-2 – open no earlier than September 16 and release all Chinook.
- Freshwater Areas – open appropriate areas no later than October 1 and release adult Chinook.

Commercial Fisheries Management:

- Provide Chinook impacts to allow a directed chum fishery if warranted based on runsize.
- Provide Chinook impacts to allow a directed coho fishery if warranted based on runsize.
- Mandatory use of selective fishery techniques that includes the use of recovery boxes and limited soak times.
- No directed fishing on ‘late’ coho.

Tier 2 Chinook – 113 to 536 harvestable non-treaty share of wild Chinook.

Management Objective:

Manage fisheries to meet spawning escapement goals.

Recreational Fisheries:

- Limited Chinook directed fishery.
- As numbers of harvestable non-treaty Chinook increase through this tier, retention opportunities for Chinook will increase.
- Provide equitable marine sport and freshwater sport opportunity.
- Marine Area 2-2 – open no later than September 16 with one Chinook as part of the two salmon daily limit.
- Freshwater Areas – Humptulips R. (up to Hwy. 101 Bridge) no later than October 1 with one adult Chinook as part of the salmon daily limit. Open other appropriate areas no later than October 1 and release adult Chinook but may consider limited retention if warranted.

Commercial Fisheries:

Maintain and increase Tier 1 opportunities as follows:

- Increase Chinook impacts as needed to provide for a directed chum fishery without reducing Tier 2 sport fisheries (above).
- Increase Chinook impacts as needed to provide for a directed coho fishery without reducing Tier 2 sport fisheries (above).
- Use non-selective and/or selective fishery techniques (including the use of recovery boxes and limited soak times) as appropriate, in directed chum and coho fisheries.
- No directed fishing on 'late' coho.

Tier 3 Chinook – 537 to 918 harvestable non-treaty share of wild Chinook.**Management Objectives:**

- Manage fisheries to meet spawning escapement goals.
- Increase commercial Chinook harvest while maintaining and increasing Chinook directed sport opportunity.

Recreational Fisheries:

- Maintain and increase Chinook directed fishing opportunities.
- Provide equitable marine sport and freshwater sport opportunity.
- Marine Area 2-2 – open no later than September 16 with one Chinook as part of the salmon daily limit.
- Freshwater Areas – Humptulips R. (up to Hwy. 101 Bridge) no later than October 1 with one adult Chinook as part of the salmon daily limit.
- Open other areas as appropriate no later than October 1 and allow limited adult Chinook retention in some tributaries if warranted.
- Extended Chinook seasons and increased daily limit may be considered above 10,000 harvestable wild non-treaty Chinook.

Commercial Fisheries:

- As non-treaty harvestable numbers increase above 537 wild Chinook, increase Chinook retention.
- Gradually increase commercial harvest, while maintaining Tier 3 sport fisheries measures.
- Management guidelines are to achieve an equal sharing between sport and commercial fishers as non-treaty harvestable numbers increase to 918 wild Chinook.
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Tier 4 – Chinook – Above 919 harvestable non-treaty share of wild Chinook.

Fully liberalized fisheries

COHO – Wild Escapement Goal = 6,894 (19.5% of GH total)

Tier 1 Coho – 0 to 345

Wild coho returning at levels less than 10% above wild escapement goals

Management Objective:

- Limit total fishery impacts to no more than 10% on wild coho.
- No directed fishing on wild coho.

Recreational Fisheries:

- Provide for equitable marine and freshwater sport opportunity.
- Marine Area 2-2 – open no later than October 1 and release wild coho.
- Freshwater Areas – open appropriate areas no later than October 1 and release wild adult coho.

Commercial Fisheries:

- Provide wild coho impacts to allow a directed chum fishery if warranted based on runsize.
- Provide wild coho impacts to allow a directed Chinook fishery under non-treaty share levels described in Chinook Tier 3.
- Wild coho impacts will be limited to the quantity remaining after the incidental coho impacts for the Tier 1 recreational fisheries have been applied.

Tier 2 Coho – 346 to 975 harvestable non-treaty share of wild coho.

Management Objectives:

- Manage fisheries to meet spawning escapement goal.
- Increase coho harvest opportunities.
- No directed fishery on late wild coho.

Recreational Fisheries:

- Provide equitable marine sport and freshwater sport opportunity.
- Increase coho harvest opportunity.
- Marine Area 2-2 – open no later than September 16 and retain up to two wild coho.
- Freshwater Areas – open appropriate areas no later than October 1 and retain up to two wild adult coho, except require release of ‘late’ wild adult coho.
- Annual determination of wild coho retention will consider commercial coho impact needs for directed chum and/or Chinook fisheries.

Commercial Fisheries:

- Increase allowable coho impacts for directed chum and Chinook fisheries if harvestable Chinook is within Tier 3.
- Wild coho impacts will be determined annually after considering the harvestable number of chum and Chinook and the recreational fishery provisions under this tier.

Tier 3 Coho –976 to 1,950 harvestable non-treaty share of wild coho.

Recreational Fisheries:

- Maintain or increase coho harvest opportunity.
- Provide for equitable marine sport and freshwater sport opportunity.
- Marine Area 2-2 – open no later than September 16 and retain wild coho.
- Freshwater Areas – open appropriate areas no later than October 1 and retain wild adult coho, except require release of ‘late’ wild adult coho.

Commercial Fisheries:

- Provide directed coho opportunity.
- Gradually increase commercial harvest, while maintaining the Tier 2 and Tier 3 sport fisheries, until the commercial harvest of wild coho is projected to be equal to the number of wild coho taken by the recreational fishery when the non-treaty share reaches 1,950 wild fish.
- No directed fishing on ‘late’ coho.

Tier 4 Coho – Above 1,951 harvestable non-treaty share of wild coho.

Management Objectives

- Manage fisheries to meet spawning escapement goals
- Increase directed coho harvest opportunities.

Recreational Fisheries:

- Provide for full recreational opportunity on coho through an allocation that equals a harvest rate of approximately 10% of the wild run size.
- Marine Area 2-2 – open no later than September 16 and retain wild coho.
- Freshwater Areas – open appropriate areas no later than October 1 and retain wild adult coho, except require release of ‘late’ wild adult coho.

Commercial Fisheries:

- Provide directed coho harvest opportunities that result in harvest rates on wild coho that are equal to or greater than 10%.
- No directed fishing on ‘late’ coho.